

Germinating socks

This is a really simple enquiry which allows children to see germination in action and also shows how successful plants are at dispersing their seeds.

What you need:

- An old pair of cotton socks
- Plastic bag
- Tape

Instructions:

- Put some old socks on top of shoes.
- Make the socks damp so that seeds will stick to them.
- Go on a seed walk around your garden or local area (following the government advice on Covid-19). As you are trying to pick up seeds, walk underneath trees, around the edges of bushes, on top of dandelions and weeds and try to pick up a good amount of mud.
- When the socks are looking suitably muddy, take them off and place them in a plastic bag.
- If the sock is too dry, add a little water to make sure it is damp.
- Tape the bag to a window in a sunny spot.
- Check back every day to see what is happening and record what you notice.
- Within a couple of days, you should be able to see some growth.



A good place to go on a seed walk

Brought to you by the Herts for Learning Primary Science team.